

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 have been canceled. Claims 25-33 are pending in the application. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Dated: September 29, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By Catherine A. Ferguson
Mark J. Thronson

Registration No.: 33,082

Catherine A. Ferguson

Registration No.: 40,877

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &
OSHINSKY LLP

2101 L Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1526

(202) 785-9700

Attorneys for Applicant